

Juvenile Court Department

Standing Order 7-20

Extension of Emergency Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances

Created by COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Supreme Judicial Court issued an Order, OE-144 on May 26, 2020 and effective June 1, 2020, providing that from March 18, 2020 until at least July 1, 2020, all the courts of the Commonwealth will be open to conduct emergency and non-emergency court business, in both civil and criminal cases, and to adjudicate emergency and non-emergency matters but courthouses will continue to be closed to the general public and all business will be conducted virtually, and pursuant to my authority under G.L. c. 211B, § 10,

It is hereby ORDERED that the date June 1, 2020 as it appears in Juvenile Court Standing Order 6-20 be replaced with July 1, 2020. All other provisions of Juvenile Court Standing Order 6-20 remain in effect.

In addition, as provided for in the Supreme Judicial Court Order, all Juvenile Court Clerk-Magistrates are authorized to require the physical presence of additional staff in a clerk's office as may be necessary to address additional categories of non-emergency matters, provided that any such increase in staff presence will be conducted in accordance with health and safety protocols established by the Trial Court.

This Order will remain in effect until a subsequent order issues rescinding this Order.

Dated: May 27, 2020
Effective: June 1, 2020

/s/ Amy L. Nechtem
Hon. Amy L. Nechtem
Chief Justice of the Juvenile Court